

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A coin insertion device, in which a device main body is provided with a coin passage, ~~comprised of~~ comprising:

a coin insertion opening; **[[and]]**

a coin discharge opening**[[,]]**;

a shutter member that is rotatable in directions that open and close the coin discharge opening**[[,]]**;

an elastic member that ~~operates~~ biases the shutter member in a direction that closes the coin discharge opening**[[,]]**; **[[and]]**

a holding means which holds the shutter member in a non-rotatable condition in a state in which the shutter member keeps the coin discharge opening closed**[[,]]**; and wherein:

releasing means that projects in the coin passage and with which a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening comes in contact is provided in the shutter member; **[[and]]**

wherein by contact of a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening with the releasing means, the shutter member is released from a hold of the holding means and is allowed to rotate;

wherein the shutter member is movable along a rotation center line and is biased in the direction for closing the coin discharge opening in one direction on the rotation center line by the elastic member, and the holding means holding the shutter member in the non-rotatable state when the shutter member is in the state in which the shutter member is biased in the one direction on the rotation center line, and by contact with a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening with the releasing means, the shutter member moves in another direction on the rotation center line against an elasticity of the elastic member, whereby the hold of holding means is released and the shutter member is allowed to rotate.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The coin insertion device according to claim **[[3]]** 2, wherein the shutter member has an opening and closing plate that opens and closes the coin discharge opening, and the releasing means, and the releasing means is configured such that a coin inserted from the coin insertion opening comes in contact with the releasing means before making contacting with the opening and closing plate.